



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Agency Information Collection Activities, Submission for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review and Emergency Approval; Comment Request; CHIPS Pre-Application Information Collection

The Department of Commerce will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. We invite the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed, and continuing information collections, which helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden.

*Agency:* National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

*Title:* CHIPS Pre-Application.

*OMB Control Number:* 0693-XXXX.

*Form Number(s):* N/A.

*Type of Request:* Emergency submission, New Information Collection Request.

*Number of Respondents:* 140 respondents.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 6 hours.

*Burden Hours:* 840 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* Businesses and other entities applying for CHIPS Act funding may, but are not required to submit a pre-application via a form available at <https://applications.chips.gov/> to obtain feedback before submitting a full application.

The pre-application phase creates an opportunity for dialogue between CPO and the applicant to ensure the applicant is ready to meet program requirements and address program priorities.

Information to be collected includes:

- A Cover Page with general contact information;
- A Description of Project(s) summarizing the proposed project(s);
- Financial Information summarizing financial information for the applicant and the project(s), as well as a detailed sources and uses of funds;
- Environmental Compliance information related to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); and
- Workforce Development Information describing the applicant's approach to recruit, train, and retain a diverse and skilled set of workers to fill jobs that will be created to construct, expand, and operate its semiconductor facilities.

*Affected Public:* Businesses and other entities applying for CHIPS Act funding.

*Frequency:* Once per application.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* CHIPS Act of 2022 (Division A of Pub. L. 117-167) (the Act).

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 20 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering the title of the collection. To ensure consideration, comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before March 15, 2023.

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